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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3), i.e., prior to a First Office Action on the Merits.

Attached is a copy of one French publication and its English-language abstract from which any relevance of the publication may be gleaned. Also listed for consideration are two U.S. Patents. Any relevance of these patents is self-evident. The three publications were cited in the attached European Search Report mailed August 9, 2004, in connection with applicants' European Patent Application No. 04250281.5. A Form PTO-1449 listing the publications is submitted herewith.

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